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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

February 4, 1993

Senator Christopher S. Bond  
293 Russell Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

IN RE: PR DOCKET 92-235

Dear Senator Bond:

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13770 Amiot Drive  
Creve Coeur, MO 63146

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARYRoute 3 Box 3112  
Anderson, MO 64831  
5 February 1993Honorable Christopher Bond  
293 Russell Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Bond:

I am retired and am active in my hobby of building and flying model airplanes. This is an activity I've engaged in since I was twelve years old. I have seen marvelous changes and advancements over the years. One thing, however, has been a constant. That is the tremendous value of the hobby as an educational vehicle. At a time in our national history when we need to pursue every promising avenue to inspire our youth to learn, this particular route is threatened with closure. An activity which is both interesting and educational, one which has a built in motivational aspect should be encouraged, not destroyed.

The threat is in a proposal set out by the FCC. PR Docket 92-235 is the villain. The problem lies in the crowding of frequencies now reserved for use for controlling model aircraft. Some of our currently used frequencies would be unusable because of interference which would be caused by the use of nearby and overlapping

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18 Media Drive  
St. Louis, Mo., 63146  
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The Honorable Cristopher Bond  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Subject: PR Docket 92-235

Dear Sir,

Although retired, I remain very active in the sport of flying radio controlled model airplanes. My collection includes six gasoline or alcohol powered units capable of 120 mph speeds, weighing up to 20 lbs, and represent an investment of about \$6000. I actively participate in a local flying club which operates and maintains a 20 acre flying field, whose membership reaches 200 members, and in terms of total investment must surely be mucho big bucks.

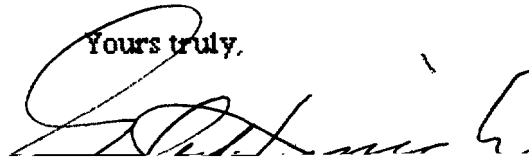
We have been advised that the FCC, through the above Notice of Proposed Rule Making NPRM-PR92-235, proposes a frequency change involving Land Mobile Service that would very seriously affect the frequencies allotted for radio controlled aircraft. Because the possibility of frequency interference is critical and a definite safety hazard, it is imperative that this proposed change be disallowed.

Our frequencies in the 72MHz band were allocated for sport flying, and in good faith thousands of us have invested millions of dollars in facilities and equipment, all of which would be jeopardized by the encroachment suggested in the above document. We must request that you use your good office to insure that such change advocated by an uninformed FCC is promptly defeated.

We will be following the progress to defeat this proposal, and appreciate your continued efforts to represent us.

Thank you for your help.

Yours truly,



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The Honorable Christopher S Bond  
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Hart Senate Office Building  
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RE: PR docket 92-235

Dear Senator Bond;

I have been involved in the Radio Controlled model aircraft hobby for many years and have made a considerable investment in this hobby.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model aircraft.

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Please help me to continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHZ band.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael Hall".

Michael A. Hall  
1919 Brentwood Rd.  
Poplar Bluff Mo. 63901

January 20, 1993

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Honorable Christopher (Kit) Bond  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator:

I have spent many years of enjoyment constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes. I belong to several local clubs whose members share a common interest. Between the building tools, airplane kits, radios, engines, finishing materials, all add up to a large investment. Joy abounds by the camaraderie that develops between father and son or daughter, grandfather and grandchildren by building and operating their model together. Kids sharing the hobby with an adult, learn how to use their hands and minds. Kids in R/C hobby aren't gang members!

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FCC has proposed a new bill that would change the  
Radio Frequencies

Q- 92-235

Worried about the safety of this change & the price increase  
will be tremendous.

Mobile phones have channels just as antennas on flying airplanes have  
channels. These channels would be too close & could cause an accident.  
If a car & its driver use a mobile & pass a person flying an airplane  
the airplane could crash & kill someone.

NAME OF CALLER Lester NethADDRESS 134 15 DonnellyGrandview 04030-3581(HM)                     (WK)                     Date Ordered:                     Date Mailed:                     Source/Agency & Phone #

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Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposal PR Docket 92-235 for the 72/76 Mhz band. We need your help urgently because the FCC has a deadline of February 26, 1993 after which it may become more difficult to avoid halting these proposals from going into effect.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph B. Moriarty", written over a horizontal line.

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Dear Senator Bond:

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I am an active competitor in local and national model aircraft events and have been interested in model aviation all my life. I currently work for an aircraft manufacturer and am a member of their radio control club.

I am very concerned about the proposed rule that is currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is P R Docket 92-235. If adopted the new rule would greatly reduce the usability of frequencies assigned for R/C model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability.

The three radio systems I currently own have all been modified to operate safely on narrow band frequencies at a considerable cost to me. Now, if this new rule is passed, it

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720 NW 81  
Warrensburg, MO 64093

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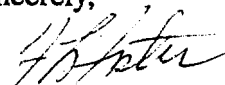
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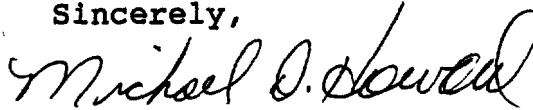
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I fly model airplanes. I am an all season flyer, which means I fly every month of the year. I am a trustee of the local club "KC Northern Knights Model Airplane Club", who flies on public parks land. The "Northern Knights" has a membership of 82 persons including Juniors and is only one club of about 9 in the Kansas City area.

When we fly our radio controlled model airplanes, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of operators, bystanders, and personal property. Our main safety precaution involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies.

I am very concerened about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission(FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted the new rules will render virtually useless many of frequencies currently assigned for model use and greatly increase the risk of accidents and liability for controlling model airplanes.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

Under 1991 regulations we had to update all radio equipment and now under the proposed regulations all five of my radio's would be inoperable.

Please understand that the average model airplane has a wingspan of 6 feet and weighs under 10 pounds, but may get to 12 feet wingspan and weigh under 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive and time consuming to build; but more to the point are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the model. We often fly our models at organized events where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying enviroment.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals under PR Docket 92-235.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Christopher S. Bond  
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Sir:

I am writing in response to the F.C.C. proposed frequency  
allocation restructuring as described in PR Docket 92-235.